

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1034  
By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Blaire Parchman for her meritorious service to the citizens of Munford.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to honor those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as estimable public servants dedicated to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable citizen is Blaire Parchman who was recently named 2006 Volunteer of the Year, after being nominated by Munford Mayor Dwayne Cole for her leadership, enthusiasm, initiative, and her fresh voice in the community; and

WHEREAS, although Blaire Parchman is modest, humble, and reluctant to take credit for all of her hard work, the list of her community commitments speaks for itself; in addition to chairing the Celebrate Munford committee, Ms. Parchman serves on the board of Ripton-Rosemark Academy, Munford First United Methodist Children's Ministry Council, Munford Annual Scholarship committee, Celebrate Independence, Munford Christmas Parade, and Fill the Sleigh; and

WHEREAS, Celebrate Munford, Inc. is a premier volunteer civic association, dedicated to the community through its programs, events, and scholarships; events include the Munford Arts and Crafts Festival, Car Show, 5K Challenge, and Celebrate Independence Family Picnic and Evening Show; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parchman teams up with *The Covington Leader* to handle the pre-event publicity for the City of Munford's annual Christmas Parade, tree lighting ceremony, and float contest; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Munford Fire Department, the City of Munford, and other volunteers joined forces with Ms. Parchman to build the sleigh and floats for the Parade, an undertaking best considered to be a small-scale industrial operation, complete with animated

reindeer and smoke coming from the chimney; more than 450 new toys were collected from the drop-off locations along the parade route, in an enterprise known as Fill the Sleigh; and

WHEREAS, Blaire Parchman's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, managing her time wisely, Ms. Parchman always schedules in school and church activities, as well as quality moments with her two young children; a member of Munford First United Methodist Church, she is active on the Children's Ministry Council, which sponsors Faith Weaving Wednesday, a children's program which includes worship, Bible studies, a dinner, crafts, games, and choir; and

WHEREAS, Blaire Parchman is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Blaire Parchman epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to service that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Blaire Parchman for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Munford and the great State of Tennessee, congratulate her for being named Munford's 2006 Volunteer of the Year, and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.